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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposal for the Organization of an
Action Operations Unit

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1. I concur in the attached proposal for an Action Operations Unit to be set up [REDACTED]. In brief it calls for a cadre of [REDACTED] to be trained in all action aspects of covert operations: twenty instructors in action subjects detailed by the Office of Training, and thirty prospective action operations officers detailed by myself, all fifty to be available for future operations of the PBSUCCESS type, overseas training and other TDY missions in the action field, and testing of new operational devices and ideas. The cadre should go far toward solving the problem of training personnel to carry out our peacetime responsibilities under NSC 5412, and serve as a nucleus for expansion in case of war.

2. Accordingly, I recommend that you approve the transfer of thirty slots from the PBSUCCESS element of the Clandestine Services T/O to OTR for activation of the cadre.

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CONCUR:

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